

administration, about ordering medications, tests tests, and treatments, including procedures for verification of the physician assistants' orders by nurses and other facility employees and such other procedures as are in the interest of patient health and safety.

(e) Any prescription written by a physician assistant or order given by a physician assistant for medications, tests tests, or treatments shall be deemed to have been authorized by the physician approved by the Board as the supervisor of the physician assistant and such the supervising physician shall be responsible for authorizing such the prescription or order.

(f) Any registered nurse or licensed practical nurse who receives an order from a physician assistant for medications, tests tests, or treatments is authorized to perform that order in the same manner as if it were received from a licensed physician."

Section 6. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 28th day of August, 1997.

Became law upon approval of the Governor at 10:27 a.m. on the 17th day of September, 1997.

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CHAPTER 512

AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES IN THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' COMPREHENSIVE MAJOR MEDICAL PLAN.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 135-40.1(1a) reads as rewritten:

"(1a) Covered Services. -- Any medically necessary, reasonable, and customary items of service, at least a portion of the expense of which is covered under at least one of the plans covering the person for whom claim is made or service provided. ~~To the extent legally possible, it~~ It shall be synonymous with allowable ~~expenses, expenses, and with benefit or benefits."~~

Section 2. G.S. 135-40.1(7.1) reads as rewritten:

"(7.1) Experimental/Investigational Medical Procedures. -- ~~The use of any treatment, procedure, facility, equipment, drug, device, or supply not recognized as having scientifically established medical value nor accepted as standard medical treatment for the condition being treated as determined by the Executive Administrator and Board of Trustees upon the advice of the Claims Processor, nor any such items requiring federal or other governmental agency approval not granted at the time services were rendered. The Executive Administrator and Board of Trustees may overturn the advice of the Claims Processor upon convincing evidence from the American Medical Association, North Carolina Medical Society, the United States Health Care Financing Administration, medical technological journals, associations of health care providers, and other major United States insurers of health care expenses on a consensus of medical value and accepted standard medical~~